GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:652
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ECONOMIC PACKAGE TO BIHAR
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are contemplating to give special economic package to Bihar after the creation of Jharkhand from it`

(b)If so, the details thereof; and

(c) If not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE..(SHRMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to c) : Initially, a reference was received from Govt. of Bihar forwarding the oulines of the developmental package for northern Bihar comprising of schemes/projects sent to the Union Govt., schemes which are ready for submission, schemes which are necessary for taking the State to the level of national average and proposals which were sent to the Union Govt. for posing to the international financial institutions and which have not received approval so far. A financial summary of the proposed schemes has been attached at Annexure I. Preliminary and detailed discussions were held in Planning Commission and at Patna respectively with the State Officers of Bihar. In this connection, Govt. of Bihar has been requested to furnish some information which is still awaited. Further, a Memorandum dt. 28.11.2000 submitted to Hon`ble Prime Minister by Members of Parliament of Bihar for an economic package to Bihar after its bifurcation has also been received. However, it does not indicate any amount. The Memorandum is also under examination. Subsequently, Chief Minister, Bihar sent the details of the projects amounting to Rs. 20,646.28 Crores which were taken to be in supercession of all the earlier projects/documents sent by the Bihar Govt. Thereafter, Bihar Govt. sent additional lists of projects which are pending with different Ministries/Deptts. of Govt. of India.The proposals were sent to the concerned Ministries/Deptts. for taking appropriate view in the matter at their end. The matter of `Bihar Package` is also under consideration in the Planning Commission and consultations on this have been held with the State Govt.

Annexure I

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED SCHEMES

(Rs. In Crores)

Depart.	Category I Sent to the Union Govt. for submission	Category II Schemes which are ready for the natiuonal average	CategoryIII To reach national average	Category IV Proposed for funding by International agencies	Total
Water Resou-ces	23000	18,060	14,400		55,460
Minor Irri. and Agricultural (special) prog.	3,113	346	5,075		8,534

Energy	8,580	8,605	570		17,755
Road const.	925	5,604	25,334		31,863
Rural	9,644	5,262	548		15,454
Agri.	80		80		
sugar-cane Deve.		750			750
A.H. Dev. And Fishery	60	18	51	64	193
Industries	278	155			433
Education Sci.& Technology	1,520	3,165	10,196		14,881
Health Tourism	41		30		71
Urban Dev.	3253	9	35	217	3514
Total	40,850	45,606	57,809	5,904	150,169